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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Carbon Zero, LLC

Project No. 14308-001-VT

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an original license for the Vermont Tissue Mill Hydroelectric Project, to be located on the Walloomsac River, in the town of Bennington, Bennington County, Vermont, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA).

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov">http://www.ferc.gov</a> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access documents. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at <a href="ferc.gov">FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov</a> or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. You may also register online at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp">http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp</a> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments on the EA should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website <a href="http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp">http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp</a>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eComment.asp">http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eComment.asp</a>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

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Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Vermont Tissue Mill Hydroelectric Project No. 14308-001" to all comments.

For further information, contact Amy Chang at (202) 502-8250.

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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